

Amendments to the Specification

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 24 and ending on page 7, line 12 with the following replacement paragraph:

Taking as exemplary the three-canister system of Fig. 1, Fig. 3 illustrates the internal workings of the system. The system 20 is activated only when the water source is turned on. In an above-counter installation, this is achieved by turning on a faucet 42 (this may typically entail and pulling a pin [[44]] on a diverter valve 46 that diverts to direct water under pressure to the system 20 at 49). Alternatively, in an under-counter installation, a handle 54 of a known, dedicated faucet 55 is lifted. This connects water under pressure from a bleed 56 on a supply line 57 with a line 58 connecting to the system 20 at its input 49. Untreated water at 49 is directed into the bottom 60 of the pre-filtration chamber 62. As the water flows up and through and around an initial 10" filter 64 (the "pre-filter"), 99%+ of particles larger than 5 microns are removed to clarify the water upstream of an ozone/UV/advanced oxidation process. The pre-filtration filter 64 is a hollow cylindrical filter. It is sealed at both ends 65 and 66 to the chamber 62 so that all water must pass through the filter from the outside of the filter where the water is introduced to the inside of the filter from which the water is withdrawn. The seal at the filter ends 65 and 66 may be a knife edge seal 61 integrally molded on the interior of the canister bottom and cap or to separately insertable disks that seat in the chamber. A knife edge seal is shown in the U.S. patent No. 5,266,215 of Engelhard, incorporated by reference. The knife edge seals may engage gaskets on the filters to assure a water-tight seal.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 30 and ending on page 8, line 3 with the following paragraph:

As water is forced through the extruded carbon block filter 87, dead bacteria, heavy metals, cysts and chlorine are removed. In addition, residual ozone is converted back to oxygen eliminating any strange ozone taste and odor from the water. Water exiting the

system at 90 is returned either to the above-counter faucet 42~~diverter valve 46~~ to be used at 91, or to the faucet 55~~[42]~~ for use at 93 in the case of the under-counter installation.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 5 and ending on page 10, line 11 with the following paragraph:

Because the new part eliminates a potential leak point in the system, liability and warranty service is reduced. Like prior art separable end caps, the integral end of this invention defines a water inlet at 130 (Figs. 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6) that communicates to a swirl producing channel, the outside of which is seen best at 132 in Figs. 7 and 8. Also because the canister bottoms are all alike in their outer configuration they can be seated readily on the two or three canister supporting frame in the desired sequence, without thought to whether the canister and its seat on the frame will correctly interfit.